

#3/A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ward *et al.*

Appl. No.: TBA

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: HERBICIDE-TOLERANT PROTOX  
GENES PRODUCED BY DNA  
SHUFFLING

Art Unit: TBA

Examiner: TBA

Atty Docket: PB/5-20757G

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as follows  
in advance of prosecution.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 3, between "This application is" and "a continuation-in-part" please insert  
the following: -- a division of U.S. Application No. 09/102,419, filed June 22, 1998, which is --.

a1

abandoned,

At page 1, line 5, immediately after "U.S. Application No. 09/050,603, filed March 30,  
1998," please insert the following: -- now U.S. Patent No. 6,023,012, issued February 8, 2000, --.

a2

At page 1, line 6, immediately after "U.S. Application No. 08/808,931, filed February 28,  
1997," please insert the following: -- now U.S. patent 5,939,602, issued August 17, 1999, --.

a3

A